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*Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, etc.*—Continued.

## SMALLPOX—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Spain:				
Cadiz.....	Oct. 1-Oct. 31...	31	5	
Corunna.....	Dec. 10-Jan. 6...	6	5	
Madrid.....	Dec. 3-Jan. 6...	6	44	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Nov. 5-Dec. 9...	9	5	
Turkey:				
Constantinople.....	Dec. 19-Dec. 25...	25	1	
Smyrna.....	Dec. 4-Dec. 24...	24	6	
Uruguay:				
Montevideo.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2...	2	1	

## EPIDEMIC NOTES.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, January 4, 1900.]

## PLAGUE.

*Portugal—Lisbon.*—A soldier of the garrison, who had been on leave at Oporto, has been attacked with plague according to advices of December 27. Comprehensive measures of disinfection and isolation have been instituted.

*British India.*—During the week ended December 2, 1899, the plague epidemic showed a marked decline. The total number of plague deaths reported during the official week was 1,946; preceding week, 2,080. The first number includes 300 cases which had occurred previously in the city of Hyderabad, but had not been reported. In the city of Bombay the number of plague deaths during the same period fell from 136 to 129, and in the Presidency of Bombay, including the several cities and districts belonging to it, fell from 1,714 to 1,274. From the central provinces 11 plague deaths were reported during the same week, and from the Punjab no deaths were reported. In the State of Mysore the status of the epidemic is unchanged. In Calcutta the number of plague deaths reported rose from 48 to 52, and in the province of Madras from 17 to 23.

*MOZAMBIQUE.*—According to advices of November 18, plague is not extinct in Magude, but appears to be completely localized. At Lorenzo Marques no suspect plague case is reported. Notwithstanding the number of refugees, the insufficient food supply for them, and the weather conditions at present prevailing, the sanitary status is good.

*PARAGUAY.*—According to the statement of the national board of health, there were 27 plague deaths during the month of October, of which 23 occurred in Asuncion and 4 in neighboring localities. From November 3 to 16, 8 plague deaths occurred in and near Asuncion; also 6 cases and 2 suspect cases.

*NEW CALEDONIA—Nouméa.*—According to advices of December 27, 6 plague deaths are reported.

## CHOLERA.

*TURKEY.*—According to a report in the Times of India, of November 8, 1899, the cholera epidemic which broke out with violence in Bassorah, Fao, and other localities in Turkish Arabia has spread to

Arabia and certain districts of Persia. It is believed that cholera was imported into Turkish Arabia, by way of Gwadur. According to advices of November 26, an epidemic disease of a very virulent character has broken out in the Sultanate of Mascat, and has made great progress since the beginning of October. Whether the epidemic, which in certain places in the Sultanate numbers more than 300 cases daily, is cholera or plague, is very difficult to determine, as both diseases are designated in Arabic by the same word, *aaun*.

The disease prevailing in the interior of Oman and along the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Mosena seems to have reached Jask, on the Persian Gulf, from the south coast of Beloochistan, and from there penetrated to Oman. This route would lead to the conclusion that the disease is plague, while its clinical characteristics more resemble cholera.

BRITISH INDIA—*Calcutta*.—During the week ended December 2, 1899, 27 cholera deaths were reported.

#### ARGENTINA.

##### *Plague at Rosario.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, D. C., January 29, 1900.*

SIR: The Department incloses herewith for the information of your Department a translation of a cipher message received on the 28th instant from the commander-in-chief of the United States naval forces on the South Atlantic Station.

Respectfully,

J. D. LONG,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure—Translation—Cablegram.]

PUERTO ENSENADA, *January 28, 1900.*

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, *Washington*: Bubonic plague is officially reported to be epidemic here at Rosario at a distance of 190 miles. Squadron Montevideo.—SCHLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, D. C., January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to quote for your information the following telegram, dated the 26th instant, from the United States chargé d'affaires at Buenos Ayres:

Bubonic plague last night officially confirmed existing in Rosario; strict sanitary measures adopted with regard to Rosario; 2 cases suspected to be plague announced here. Writing.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,  
*Secretary of State.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

#### BRAZIL.

##### *Reports from Rio de Janeiro.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, *December 27, 1899.*

*Plague at Santos and Sao Paulo.*

SIR: It is evident that the plague at Santos is stationary. Since my last report, no new cases have occurred there. Of the 12 patients at the